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this one up in all seriousness because I do believe that we could bracket this bill and come back to it on May 22nd and still accomplish redistricting this year. I am putting it up there, not necessarily as a stalling or delaying tactic, but as yet another opportunity for people to continue to talk about our different options. There are a whole host of amendments that have been filed. I am guessing that people are wanting...are going to want to talk about some of their options at some point, but maybe we need to get more of a clearer idea about what people are willing to do in the way of...of working out an acceptable compromise for everybody. So with that, Mr. Chair, I would relinquish the remainder of my time on the motion to bracket.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. For debate on the bracket motion to LB 851, Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Again, I wanted to talk a little bit about our legislative resolution, and while Senator Quandahl mentioned that is not binding, he is right. But it does provide guidance for the Legislature and it provided a way for the committee to draw the districts, and, again, we're talking about the Sarpy County line. On page 2, it says district boundaries should follow county lines whenever practicable and shall define districts that are compact and contiguous. I had handed out to you a four-page blowup, if you will, of the Sarpy County split there, where it follows. And I mentioned on page 1, you can see there, you can see there. This is, again, this is from the Bromm amendment that we adopted yesterday, that was adopted yesterday. On page 1, you can look down there about the middle of the left-hand side of the paper, again this is supposed to be compact and contiguous. Well, you've got the area to the left with the street names, well, that's in Congressional District 2, but the other, the darker area, that's in Congressional District 1. So it looks like on the left side there you follow a road or you're in a subdivision there that's in Congressional District 2, and then you follow a road, and it's kind of unclear how far that road is. It looks like it may be, I don't know, a quarter of a mile, half a mile, and it looks like only that highway is in Congressional District 2, and then you happen onto another neighborhood. Oh,